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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1967

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1967.

The Report is prepared as indicated in the Ministry of Health Circular No.1/1968 dated January 1968.

The Crude Death Rate is 12.27 as compared with 11.51 for 1966.

The Standardised Death Rate is 12.3 compared with 11.2 for England and Wales. The Standardised Death Rate is obtained by the application of a 'comparability factor' making allowance for the age and sex distribution of the district for comparison with England and Wales as a whole.

The Infantile Mortality Rate is 9.93 compared with 6.8 for the previous year.

The Birth Rate is 17.06 compared with 17.21 in 1966.

The Standardised Birth Rate is 17.7 compared with 17.2 for England and Wales.

There were no deaths from Scarlet Fever, Typhoid Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough or Measles.

There were no deaths amongst children under two years of age from Enteritis and none from maternal causes.

For the twenty first year no case of Diphtheria was notified.

Six cases of Food Poisoning were notified during the year.

Slum Clearance

1.	Number of unfit houses included in programme submitted by the Council in January 1956	103
2.	Number dealt with under Section 11, Housing Act 1936 and Section 16 of the Housing Act 1957	50
3.	Number dealt with under Section 25, Housing Act 1936 and Section 42, Housing Act 1957	126
4.	Houses known to be unfit but in respect of which statutory action has not yet been taken	Nil
5.	Houses in Council ownership declared unfit	27
6.	Houses in (1) subsequently made fit by their owners.	20
7.	Number of families rehouses from unfit houses. ...	136
8.	Number of families waiting to be rehoused	14

COUNCIL HOUSING

The following information is given by Mrs O. Wren, Housing Manager.

The Sunnyside Estate comprising 62 units of accommodation was completed and let during the year. The Council's new venture into industrialised building has provided an attractive estate of houses and flats, to Parker Morris standard, with Halcyon warm air central heating and a garage for each unit of accommodation. Tenants on this estate are required to have a garage if they own a motor vehicle.

Council owned accommodation now totals 1010 houses and flats, 5 shops and 304 garages and a further 24 flats and 34 garages will be completed and ready for letting next year. There are 5 houses not in use, pending demolition.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

The Council's direct labour force is responsible for all maintenance of Council properties and the following work was carried out:

Maintenance repairs ..	947
Internal decoration ..	68
External decoration ..	170

A decision has been made to terminate the internal decorating scheme which has run so smoothly and successfully since 1956. The scheme will be gradually wound up and, in future, tenants will be entirely responsible for this part of maintenance. To assist the retired and those physically incapable, a scheme has been offered to tenants which provides for internal decoration by direct labour, the cost of which can be paid over a reasonable period.

THE COUNCIL'S WAITING LIST

At the end of the year, 236 applicants remained on the list who required 131 one/two unit flats, 65 two-bedroomed and 40 three/four bedroomed accommodation.

During the year, lettings totalled 212 and of these 19 families were rehoused from unfit properties.

The number of Council tenants awaiting transfer to other types of accommodation totalled 163 and during the year 97 transfers were effected.

WELFARE

During the year, the meetings of the County Co-Ordinating Committee continued but only 8 cases needed assistance. It is apparent that the major proportion of problem families have received the kind of help which has enabled them to become more self-supporting.

The Voluntary Laundry organised by Mrs G. Taylor under the auspices of the Co-Ordinating Committee for the Welfare of the Aged carried out household washing for 25 homes where elderly people were without the assistance of any friends or relatives. There are now 32 voluntary helpers in the Laundry, 7 drivers who collect and deliver the laundry and help is given by members of the Rotary Club on a rota system.

At Christmas, over 450 homes were provided with extra comforts including coal, groceries, sweets, tobacco, clothing etc. through the local Rotary, Soroptomist and Youth Clubs and Women's Royal Voluntary Service.

The Co-Ordinating Committee for the Welfare of the Aged, under the Chairmanship of Mrs Beryl Brown, had an active year. It was decided to create two main Sub-Committees for (a) Policy and (b) Visiting. The Policy Committee, under the Chairmanship of Mr. D. Sizer, undertook to survey the work being done in the town to ascertain whether or not all the needs of elderly citizens are being met, and, if or where gaps in the services are found, to extend the work to cover these needs. Fund raising activities are also included in the work of the Committee and it was decided to fulfil the urgent need for a Day Centre and Club as soon as sufficient funds are available.

The Visiting Committee, under the able Chairmanship of Councillor Miss J. Leslie, called a meeting of officers and members of Statutory and Voluntary Bodies who decided to set up as soon as possible, a central register of elderly citizens giving details of individual needs. The work of this Committee will cover such needs as gardening, shopping, decorating, outings for the housebound, etc.

A Chiropody Service is provided and during the year, 204 were referred for treatment. Transport is arranged where necessary through the members of the Co-Ordinating Committee and the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

During the year, 30 elderly people were taken to Eastbourne for the day and through the efforts of the East Grinstead Round Table who organised a fund raising Donkey Derby, 15 elderly persons were sent to the seaside for a holiday.

The Women's Royal Voluntary Service has rendered valuable assistance in many directions. The "Meals-on-Wheels" and Luncheon Club served 4,891 lunches and a special Christmas Dinner was provided, without charge, for 38. The meals are cooked by members of the Service in a kitchen attached to St. Leonard's House. All such meals are subsidised by the Council. The Luncheon Club serves two purposes (a) it provides a good meal at a low price and (b) it encourages elderly people to come out from their homes so that they not only have exercise and fresh air but are enabled to meet and talk to other people.

The W.R.V.S. is responsible for issuing Welfare Foods for infants, i.e. dried milk, orange juice and Cod Liver Oil at the local Food Service Centre, 18 Station Road, East Grinstead.

Furniture has been supplied to 31 families who were in need and 104 families have been assisted with clothing. 36 cushions were made for use by the elderly in Halsford Park House and shawls for all the elderly patients in Ward 1 of Queen Victoria Hospital and in Oakleigh, the annexe to the Hospital. Cot covers were made for children resident in the Yarburgh Home.

CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU

The following information is given by the Secretary of the Citizens' Advice Bureau:

> "The work of the Citizens' Advice Bureau has increased greatly during 1967, the number of enquiries totalling 3,610. Included in this number were many enquiries appertaining to family and personal problems.

"In the course of the year, 550 elderly persons sought help and advice on such matters as supplementary benefits, rate rebates, health and medical, and accommodation.

The Chiropody Scheme is working well and the Bureau issued cards to 204 persons of pensionable age enabling them to obtain chiropody at a reduced fee.

The Bureau is open on five days of the week and is independent and non-political. Any person may come for information and advice. Personal problems are dealt with in the strictest confidence."

SOCIAL WELFARE LUNCH TIME SESSIONS

With the object of fostering friendly acquaintance and the interchange of information among those engaged in Social Welfare work, the East Grinstead Urban District Council sponsors a regular monthly meeting at East Court.

Invitations are sent to professional and voluntary workers, Doctors, Nurses, Clergymen and Head Teachers, who responded well.

The meetings have been held regularly on the first Friday of the month, and have been well attended. Each organisation represented has produced an excellent display of its activities, and these have been of great value to everyone present, promoting a better understanding of the services available.

Representatives of the following have attended:-

Local Clergy.
British Red Cross (Sunshine Club).
Child Guidance.
Citizens' Advice Bureau.
East Grinstead Association for the Disabled.
East Grinstead Mental Health Association.
East Grinstead U.D.C.Councillors.
East Grinstead U.D.C.Housing Department.
East Grinstead U.D.C.Public Health Department.
East Sussex C.C.Children's Department.
Education Department.
Mental Health Department.
Welfare Department.
East Sussex Nursing Association (Health Visitors, Midwives and District Nurses).
East Sussex Association for the Blind.
Family Planning Association.
General Practitioners.
Marriage Guidance Council.
Medical Social Service.
Moral Welfare.
Multiple Sclerosis Society.
N.S.P.C.C.
Old Peoples' Co-ordination Committee.
Probation Service.
S.A.A.F.A.
W.R.V.S.

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

(For comparison the figures for 1966 are shown in brackets)

Area	6,600	(6,600)
Registrar General's Estimated Population ...	17,110	(17,020)
Density of population per acre	2,592	(2,579)
Rateable Value (at 1.4.67)	£909,923	(£878,726)
Sum represented by a 1d rate (1967/68) ...	£3,790	(£3,660)
Birth rate per 1000 population	17.06	(17.21)
Standardised Birth Rate	17.7	(17.4)
Crude Death Rate per 1000 population	12.27	(11.51)
Standardised Death Rate	12.3	(8.29)
Infantile Mortality Rate	9.93	(6.8)
Number of Inhabited Dwellings (at 1.4.67) ...	5,604	(5,510)

BIRTHS

LIVE BIRTHS	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Legitimate	148	136	284
Illegitimate	9	9	18
Total Live Births	157	145	302

Birth Rate per 1000population	17.06
Comparability Factor	1.04
Standardised Birth Rate	17.7

STILL BIRTHS	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Legitimate	2	3	5
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total Still Births	2	3	5

Rate per 1000 of the Total Births 16.55

DEATHS

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
	105	105	210

Crude Rate per 1000 population	12.27
Comparability Factor	0.86
Standardised Death Rate	12.3

INFANTILE MORTALITY

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Deaths of Infants under the age of 1 week ...	-	3	3
Deaths of Infants under the age of 4 weeks ...	-	3	3
Deaths of Infants under the age of 1 year ...	-	3	3

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births 9.93

Illegitimate Live Births ... 5.96% of Total Live Births

Neo-Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 Live Births)..9.93

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT

	Male	Female
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	4	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus.	9	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast.	-	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus.	-	2
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms.	11	11
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	-
Diabetes.	-	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System.	12	23
Coronary Disease, Angina.	22	18
Hypertension with Heart Disease.	-	1
Other Heart Disease.	-	8
Other Circulatory Disease	8	4
Influenza.	-	-
Pneumonia.	8	9
Bronchitis.	11	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System.	2	5
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum.	2	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis.	2	1
Congenital Malformations.	-	1
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases.	11	12
Motor Vehicle Accidents.	2	-
All other accidents.	-	2
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea.	1	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	105	105

MORTALITY IN AGE GROUPS

AGE GROUPS	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Under 4 weeks	-	3	3
4 weeks & under 1 year	-	-	-
1 - 4	-	-	-
5 - 14	1	-	1
15 - 24	1	-	1
25 - 34	-	-	-
35 - 44	4	1	5
45 - 54	9	3	12
55 - 64	19	8	27
65 - 74	34	17	51
75 and over	37	73	110

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1952 - 1967

Year	Estimated Population	Number of Births						Birth Rate	Number of Deaths			Death Rate	Infant Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural Increase of Births over Deaths
		Legitimate			Illegitimate												
		M	F	Total	M	F	Total		M	F	Total		M	F	Total		
1952	11,310	63	59	122	2	3	5	11.23	65	67	132	11.67	3	-	3	23.62	-5
1953	11,360	72	41	113	1	3	4	10.29	58	102	160	14.08	3	2	5	42.74	-43
1954	11,820	77	71	148	3	4	7	13.11	69	86	155	13.11	4	-	4	25.81	-
1955	12,220	60	80	140	3	-	3	11.7	77	86	163	13.34	3	-	3	20.98	-20
1956	12,760	91	83	174	2	1	3	13.87	87	104	191	14.91	1	3	4	22.6	-14
1957	13,340	108	100	208	3	2	5	16.72	93	106	199	14.92	1	1	2	9.39	14
1958	13,390	118	89	207	4	5	9	15.48	95	97	192	13.76	-	-	-	-	24
1959	14,370	135	106	241	3	2	5	16.42	89	104	193	13.43	2	1	3	12.2	53
1960	14,900	132	113	245	3	6	9	17.05	86	103	189	12.68	3	-	3	11.81	65
1961	15,540	125	118	241	5	2	7	15.9	97	96	193	12.42	2	2	4	16.1	55
1962	15,860	122	114	236	2	5	7	15.51	101	134	235	14.81	1	2	3	12.34	8
1963	15,930	136	144	280	11	4	15	18.52	107	144	251	15.76	1	5	6	20.34	44
1964	16,390	145	121	266	12	8	20	17.45	89	114	203	12.39	4	2	6	20.98	83
1965	16,610	155	131	286	13	5	18	18.3	105	121	226	13.6	3	1	4	13.15	78
1966	17,020	149	131	280	5	8	13	17.21	92	104	196	11.51	2	-	2	6.08	97
1967	17,110	148	136	284	9	9	18	17.06	105	105	210	12.27	-	3	3	9.93	92

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year 1967:-

Disease	Cases Notified	Cases to Hospital	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	5	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Measles	677	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	3	-	-
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	6	-	-
Dysentery	61	-	-
Scabies	5	-	-
Malaria	1	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE IN AGE GROUPS

	AGE GROUPS									
DISEASE	0	1	2	3	4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 25	25 & over	Total
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	5
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	6	57	91	106	85	304	37	4	2	677
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	3
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	1	-	1	2	1	-	1	6
Dysentery	1	3	3	6	6	29	5	-	9	61
Scabies	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	-	1	5
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

Summary of New Cases and Mortality during the years 1952 - 1967

YEAR	NEW CASES					DEATHS				
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F	
1952	6	2	-	-	8	2	-	-	-	2
1953	3	4	-	-	7	-	1	-	-	1
1954	3	3	-	-	6	-	1	-	-	1
1955	2	4	1	1	8	1	-	-	-	1
1956	2	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
1957	6	5	-	2	13	3	-	1	1	5
1958	1	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	1
1959	3	1	-	1	5	-	1	-	-	1
1960	2	1	-	1	4	1	-	-	-	1
1961	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
1962	1	2	-	1	4	1	-	-	-	1
1963	1	3	-	1	5	2	-	-	-	2
1964	2	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	1	1
1965	1	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	1
1966	1	1	-	1	3	-	1	-	-	1
1967	1	1	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1967

	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 34	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH, TETANUS AND POLIOMYELITIS

VACCINATION OF PERSONS UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE

DIPHTHERIA

In the East Grinstead area, 317 had completed a full course of Primary Immunisation, and 739 had received a Secondary (reinforcing) injection by the end of the year.

WHOOPING COUGH

The number of children who had completed a Primary Course (normally three injections) of pertussis vaccine (singly or in combination) in the East Grinstead area was 317 and 335 received a reinforcing dose.

TETANUS

The number of children who had completed a Primary Course (normally three injections) of vaccine (singly or in combination) in the East Grinstead area was 332 and 740 received a reinforcing dose.

POLIOMYELITIS

In East Sussex 5,936 children under 16 years received primary courses of Poliomyelitis vaccine (three doses) and 5,625 had reinforcing fourth doses.

SMALLPOX VACCINATION - NUMBER OF PERSONS VACCINATED (or revaccinated during the year)

Age at date of Vaccination	Under 1	1	2 to 4	5 to 15	Total
Number Vaccinated	36	125	127	32	320
Number Re-vaccinated	-	-	-	46	46

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATES OF VACCINATION

During the year 350 International Certificates of Vaccination against Smallpox and Cholera were authenticated by the Health Department. A further 205 were authenticated at Queen Victoria Hospital.

HOUSING

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year:

(1)	a.	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	131
	b.	Number of inspections made for the purpose	177
(2)	a.	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1926 and 1932.	Nil
	b.	Number of inspections made for the purpose	Nil
(3)		Number of houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	46
(4)		Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	77

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without the Service of Formal Notices:

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers. ... 39

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:

a. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act 1957:

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. 1

(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notice:

(a) By Owners. ... 1

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners. ... Nil

b. Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. ... ... Nil

(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices:

(a) By Owners ... ... Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners. ... ... Nil

c. Proceedings under Section 16 and 23 of the Housing Act 1957:

(1) Number of representations, etc., made in respect of dwelling houses unfit for habitation. 22

(2) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... 8

(3) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders. ... 2

(4) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which undertakings were accepted from Owners (S.16(4)) 22

(a) To render the house fit for human habitation 14

(b) To usage other than for human habitation ... ... Nil

d. Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act 1957.

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... ... Nil

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenements or rooms having been rendered fit. ... Nil

e. Unfit houses voluntarily demolished by Owners. ... Nil

f. Houses demolished in Clearance Areas ... Nil

4. Housing Act 1957 - Overcrowding:

a. (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year. ... Nil
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein ... Nil
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein ... Nil

b. Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... Nil

c. (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year. ... Nil
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases Nil

d. Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority has taken steps for abatement of overcrowding ... Nil

5. Number of new houses erected during the year 1967

(a) State Aided
(i) By Local Authority ... 32
(ii) By private enterprise (Public Utility Societies etc) ... Nil

(b) Without State Aid: ... 57

RENT ACT 1957

Certificates of Disrepair

Number of applications during 1967.	...	Nil
Number of applications granted	...	Nil
Number of applications refused	...	Nil
Undertakings given by landlords	...	Nil
Number of certificates issued	...	Nil
Number of applications by landlords to Local Authorities for cancellation of certificates	...	Nil
Number of objections by tenants to cancellation	...	Nil
Number of decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants objections.	...	Nil
Certificates cancelled by Local Authority.	...	Nil

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

	Discretionary (The Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958, Part II)						Standard (The House Purchase & Housing Act 1959, Part II)		
	Improvement			Conversion			Improvement		
	Vacant	Owner Occupied	Tenanted	Vacant	Owner Occupied	Tenanted	Vacant	Owner Occupied	Tenanted
Enquiries made	-	9	2	-	-	-	-	4	3
Approval refused by tenant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Application not approved by Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Applications approved and not proceeded with	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Applications approved and proceeded with	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
Completed by 31.12.67	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Total of Grants approved and proceeded with	-	£1,321. 15.11d	£800	-	-	-	-	£268. 15.10d	£193. 11.8d
Approved previously and completed in 1966	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	2	2

THE HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT 1958.
PART II - SECTION 30.

The technical operation of the Improvement Grant Scheme of the Housing Act remains delegated to this Department.

The table on page 18 summarises the work during the year.

The works carried out include:-

Provision of damp-proof course	....	5
Provision of electric light	....	-
Extensions of electric light	....	7
Provision of hot water for domestic purposes	....	10
Provision of internal water closet	....	10
Provision of bath in separate room	....	9
Provision of lavatory basin	....	10
Provision of sink and suitable arrangements for disposal of waste water	....	3
Provision of proper drainage system	....	-
Extensions of drainage system	....	8
Provision of adequate facilities for storing, preparing and cooking food	....	6
Provision of additional natural lighting	....	3
Provision of approved grates	....	2

SANITARY SUPERVISION

1966	Housing Inspections		1967
218	Inspections made under Housing Acts	....	627
223	Inspections made under Public Health Acts	....	173
101	Housing Act: Improvement Grants	....	22
-	Certificates of Disrepair	....	-
	Other Inspections		
182	Meat Shops and Slaughterhouses	....	163
21	Fish Shops	....	31
-	Bakehouses	....	-
249	Other Food Premises	....	166
45	Public Houses and Hotels	....	40
3	Clubs	....	4
407	Public Health Acts	....	263
147	Petroleum Acts	....	117
194	Factory Acts (not included in other totals)	....	109
120	Infectious Diseases	....	2363

Other Inspections (Continued)

1966			1967
64	Water Supplies	....	18
92	Clean Air Act	....	98
1824	Inspections made under Pest Destruction Acts	....	1930
296	Other Miscellaneous Inspections	....	264
73	Complaints	....	25

WATER SUPPLY

Water for the greater part of East Grinstead is supplied by the Mid-Sussex Water Company. A few houses on the Northern boundary at Felbridge are supplied by the East Surrey Water Company.

The Mid-Sussex Water Company have deep wells at Hackenden and Forest Row, and an additional supply is obtained from the reservoir of the Weir Wood Water Board. Placelands deep borehole is also available as an additional booster for Summer Supplies.

The raw water is aerated, subjected to sedimentation, mechanical filtration, automatic superchlorination, and finally before going into supply, to dechlorination to give a free residual of 0.1 p.p.m. of chlorine. A consistently safe and palatable water supply is thus assured.

Samples of water from each supply are regularly submitted to the Analytical Laboratory, Lewes, by the Mid-Sussex Water Company for chemical and bacteriological examination. The quality of the water supply has been of a high standard.

It was not necessary to restrict the supply at any time throughout the year.

Approximately 5,568 dwelling-houses have a piped water supply.

INSPECTION OF FOOD

During the year 404 visits were made to food premises, and below are details of the foodstuffs voluntarily surrendered as being unfit for human consumption.

TINNED:

Fruit	43 tins
Fish	4 "
Vegetables	46 "
Meat	7 "

MUTTON:

176½	Livers	Parasitosis, fluke, cysts and necrosis.
3	prs. Lungs	Threadworm.
1	pr. Lungs	Unfit.

PORK:

118½	Livers	Milk Spot.
2	Hearts	Pericarditis.
27½	Heads	Tuberculosis.
1	Head	Necrosis.
4	Sets Lungs	Pneumonia
2	Kidneys	Bilateral hydro-nephritis
28	lbs.Forequarters, loin and pluck.	Septic pneumonia.

CALVES:

1	Kidney	Hydro-nephritis.

OTHER:

98	lb. fish	Contaminated with Diesel oil
12½	lb. sausages	Rodent contaminated
34	lb. pork	Refrigerator breakdown
36	lb. lamb	Refrigerator breakdown
3	tins cream	Blown or damaged
1	tin marmalade	Blown or damaged
10	pkts. coffee	Damp
4	jars pickle	Leaking
86	jars mayonnaise	Damaged and leaking
205	tubes mayonnaise	Damaged and leaking
3604	pkts. crackers	Stale and damp
120	boxes macaroons	Stale and damp
151	cakes	Stale and mouldy
1614	pkts. and 161 lbs assorted confectionery	Stale or liquified.
46	lbs 13 ozs frozen food	Refrigerator breakdown.

OTHER: (continued)

5 lbs butter)	
2½lbs cooking fat)	Rodent contamination
2 ozs cheese)	
22 lbs 8 ozs ham	Decomposing
6 lbs bacon	"
42 tins fruit)	
7 tins meat)	
46 tins vegetables)	Blown or damaged
4 tins fish)	
1 tin milk)	
2 pkts. cereal	Damp and mouldy
1 jar jam	Broken glass
12 lbs glace fruits	Stale
10 pkts. bread sticks	"
16 pkts baby macaroons	Damaged packets
11 cartons Motta Marasca	Damaged

MILK

The following dealers' licences authorising the use of special designation were in force during the year ended 31st December 1967:-

Special Designation	No. of Licences
Pasteurised	14
Sterilised	2
Untreated	4
U.H.T.	1

POULTRY INSPECTIONS

(i) 13 poultry processing premises
(ii) 217 visits to premises
(iii) 20,557 birds processed during the year
(iv) Types of Birds processed:-

Turkeys	927	Capons	17,250
Geese	33	Duckling	1,026
Culls	1,320		

(v) 0.1% rejected as unfit for human consumption
(vi) 76 lbs condemned as unfit for human consumpti
(vii) Comments on poultry processing and inspection

The majority of poultry processing is carried on in 4 butcher shops (16,650 of total). The birds are previously hand pick by owners and consequently very few are unfit for human consumption. It is not practical with present legislation t ensure 100% inspection in the widely separated poultry proces establishments in this area, but agreement has been reached w the owners to notify this Department should any reasonable do arise as to the fitness for human consumption of the poultry being processed.

CLEAN FOOD SUPERVISION

(1) Number of Food Premises in the area, by type of business:

Bakehouses	2
Butchers	12
Catering Establishments	
Boarding Houses	-
Cafes and Teashops	4
Clubs	15
Factory and Staff Canteens	11
Fish and Chip Shops	4
Hospitals	2
Hostels	3
Hotels	4
Public Houses - Total	9
Serving Meals	3
Serving Snacks	6
Residential Institutions	17
Restaurants	7
Schools, Technical Colleges etc.	11
Snack Bars	1
Chemists	6
Confectioners	26
Corn Merchants	2
Fish Shops (Wet and Dried)	4
General Stores	18
Greengrocers	13
Grocers	16
Milk Depots	3
Milk Shops	13
Wayside Stalls	1
Wine Merchants	6

(2) Number of Food Premises by type, registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, or under Local Acts, and the number of dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959:

Sale of Ice-Cream	49
Preparation of Potted Food	-
Preparation of Sausages	6
Preparation of Pressed Food	-
Preparation of Pickled Food	9
Preparation of Preserved Food including Fried Fish	7
Dairies	3

(3) Number of Inspections of Registered Food Premises ... 196

CARCASES OF ANIMALS INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle exc. Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	-	-	47	875	1099
Number inspected	-	-	47	875	1099
All Diseases except Tuberculosis.					
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	1	131	129
Percentage of the number inspected infected with disease other than T.B.	-	-	2.6	14.3	11.8
Tuberculosis only.					
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	28
Percentage of the number inspected infected with Tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	2.6

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

	Number of premises registered during the year.	Total number of registered premises at end of year.	Number of registered premises receiving a General Inspection during the year.
Offices	15	103	32
Retail Shops	7	182	28
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	3	10	5
Catering Establishments open to public, Canteens	-	24	3
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
TOTALS	25	319	68

PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	1116
Retail Shops	1061
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	101
Catering Establishments open to the public	172
Canteens	25
Fuel Storage Depots	-
TOTAL	2475
TOTAL MALES	1173
TOTAL FEMALES	1302

FACTORIES ACT 1961

During the year 95 inspections were made under the Factories Act 1961.

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	5	1	Nil	Nil
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	106	20	Nil	Nil
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-worker's premises).	40	74	Nil	Nil
TOTALS	151	95	Nil	Nil

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found.				No. of cases where Prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	1	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage of floors.	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	5	5	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-workers)	1	1	-	-	-
TOTALS	8	7	-	-	-

FACTORIES ACT 1961

Part VIII of the Act, Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of Outworkers in August list req'd by Sec. 133 (1)(c)	No. of Cases of default in sending Lists to Council	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply Lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices Served.	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing Apparel: Making etc.	19	-	-	-	-	-
Cleaning and Washing	Nil	-	-	-	-	-

RODENT CONTROL

	Rats	Mice	Total
Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification.	59	24	83
Number of such properties found to be infested	35	18	53
Number of properties found to be infested as a result of systematic survey	27	8	35
Total number of properties infested	62	26	88
Infestations dealt with by Council	59	24	83
Infestations dealt with by Occupier following instructions given by Rodent Officer	3	2	5

The Council employ one full-time Rodent Officer on Pest Destruction.

During the year ended 31st December 1967, 1800 visits were made under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949, and of these 588 were systematic surveys.

The Rodent Officer also dealt with 26 complaints of other pests, including wasps nests, cockroaches, ants, moles, flies, fleas, bed bugs, spider beetles and moths.

Regular inspections have been made at Eden Vale and Ashurst Wood Sewage Disposal Works, the refuse tips, housing estates and other Council properties. A 10% test of sewers was completed in the Spring in accordance with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries instructions. Once again the test revealed a very low level of infestation.

A nominal charge for rodent and pest destruction is made to householders. Business premises are charged with the actual cost of materials and labour. No charge is made for subsequent inspection to ensure that the premises remain free from rats and mice.

The Council is prepared to enter into an annual contract to maintain business premises free from vermin.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

This work is carried out by the Engineer and Surveyor's Department.

House refuse is collected weekly. Single large items are also collected on the last Friday of each month and a written request should be made to the Surveyor's Department. There is no charge made for this service.

Trade Refuse is collected at the request of the trader concerned, and a charge of 1/3d per bin on all bins in excess of one per week is made. A collection is also made of trade waste paper, cardboard etc., again by request. Sacks are supplied by the Council to the trader and are emptied at a charge of 1/3d each, including the first sack.

Refuse is disposed of by tipping in a disused Railway cutting at High Grove. Before being covered, newly-tipped refuse is treated with Malathion insecticide to prevent breeding of flies.

Frequent inspections of the tip are made to ascertain possible nuisance by rodents and flies.

PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS 1928 and 1936

58 premises were licensed to store petroleum spirit, and 117 visits were made under the Acts by the Public Health Inspectors.

LABORATORY SERVICES

The services of the Public Health Laboratory at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (telephone 63506) are available to this department and to Medical Practitioners in the district for the investigation of infectious disease.

The laboratory is in a position to accept specimens (faeces, sputa, throat swabs etc.) both for the diagnosis of individual cases and for the investigation of outbreaks (detection of carriers, reservoirs of infection, mode of spread etc.). Specimens should reach the laboratory by 4.30 p.m. on weekdays, by 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays and by 11.30 a.m. on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Containers may be obtained from the laboratory or from this department, and specimens may be sent to the laboratory via the Southdown Motor Bus Company. Collections are made at the Brighton terminus at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. (Mondays - Fridays) and at 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays. No collections are made on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Specimens for the Bacteriologist may be left at the Public Health Department, East Court, East Grinstead before 12.30 p.m. and will be placed on a 'bus in time to reach Brighton for the 4 p.m. collection.

The laboratory is open between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 12 noon on every day of the year including Sundays and Public Holidays. Specimens which are so urgent that they have to be collected on those days, can be accepted at the laboratory between 10 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

Specimens which are received at the Brighton Terminus after the last daily collection has been made, are not picked up until the following day, unless prior notification is received at the laboratory that an urgent specimen is on its way which may not, or will not arrive in Brighton in time for the normal collection. In cases of extreme urgency arising after laboratory hours, special arrangements can be made by telephoning the Director of the Public Health Laboratory (Dr. J.E.Jameson, Brighton 56960) or the Chief Technician (Mr. N.W.Emberley, Rottingdean 2070)

The following prophylactic is held at the Laboratory for issue free of charge to Medical Practitioners:

Gamma Globulin.

Supplies are restricted, and it is available only by consultation with the Laboratory.

Other types of vaccine, anti-toxins and serums are not held, but information regarding them may be obtained from the Director.

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL WELFARE CENTRES

The following table shows the clinics held at the East Sussex County Council's Welfare Centre, Moat View, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

CLINICS		DAYS AND TIMES
INFANT WELFARE	...	Every Monday (except Bank Holidays) 2 - 4 p.m.
TODDLERS' CLINIC	...	First, Second, Third & Fourth Tuesdays of each month 10 - 11.45 a.m. By appointment with the Health Visitor.
DENTAL CLINIC		
Mothers and children under 5 years.	...	By appointment with the Dentist.
ANTE NATAL		
Relaxation and Mothercraft Classes.	...	Every Tuesday - 2.15 p.m.
Cuckfield Hospital Patients.	...	Third Wednesday each month - 2.15 p.m. By appointment.
IMMUNISATIONS AND VACCINATIONS.	...	Second Wednesday each month 2.15 p.m.
CHILD GUIDANCE	...	Thursdays - By appointment.
SPEECH THERAPY	...	Every Tuesday - By appointment with the Speech Therapist.
FAMILY PLANNING	...	Every Thursday at 7 p.m. By appointment.
CYTOLOGY CLINIC	...	Every Wednesday morning and Second and Fourth Tuesday evenings - By appointment.
MEDICAL LOAN DEPOT	...	Mrs. E.C. Draper, 46, Portland Road, East Grinstead. (Tel. No. East Grinstead 21984).
AT QUEEN VICTORIA HOSPITAL		
CHEST CLINIC	...	Every Thursday - 2 p.m.
AT ST. DUNSTAN'S HALL, MAYPOLE ROAD, ASHURST WOOD		
INFANT WELFARE Weighing Sessions only.	...	Fourth Wednesday every month - afternoons.

VENEREAL DISEASE CLINIC

Kent & Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.	...	Men	Tuesday 11am - 12 noon
		Women	Tuesday 10am - 11 am
Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, Sussex.	...	Men	Monday 4.30pm - 8 pm
			Wednesday 9.30am - 1 pm
			Thursday 1.30pm - 4.30 pm
	...	Women	Tuesday 1.30pm - 4.30 pm
			Thursday 10am - 1 pm
			Saturday 9.30am- 11.30am

AMBULANCE SERVICE.

The Ambulance Service in East Grinstead is as follows:-

Number of Ambulances	...	Two
Ambulance Station	...	East Court, East Grinstead.
Telephone Number	...	East Grinstead 23488
Area Served	...	East Grinstead Forest Row Hartfield West Hoathly Worth

A day and night service is available for the conveyance of patients from within the County of East Sussex who are unfit to travel either by public transport or car. Calls are accepted from doctors, midwives and hospitals in the area. Cases of accident or sudden emergency are the only calls accepted from members of the public.

The ambulances are now operated by the East Sussex County Council, who took them over from the British Red Cross Society in April 1966.

Cases of infectious disease are removed to isolation hospital in the ambulances, which are then disinfected before returning to normal service.

Patients able to travel by car are conveyed on calls from doctors, midwives or hospitals, by the Hospital Car Service.
Details of this service are given below:-

HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE.

Area Transport Officer	...	Mrs. J.E.Faithful East Court, East Grinstead.
Telephone Number	...	East Grinstead 21318
Area Served	...	East Grinstead Urban District. Uckfield Rural District. Cuckfield Rural District (Northern half)
Office Hours	...	Mondays to Fridays inclusive 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. 2.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.